THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) At present, there is hardly any imbalance between demand and supply of jute goods in the country as inspite of larger production, off take has also kept pace with proudction.

However, Government has been taking various steps, from time to time, for improving viability of jute industry.

Raids under 'Operation Kal Bhairav'

902. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sometime in December, 1985 countrywide raids were conducted under 'Operation Kal Bhairav' on the premises of the drug smugglers and peddlers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the estimated quantity of drugs (with value) seized during the raids, the number of arrests made, the *modus operandi* of the smugglers involved, their links within the country and outside and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The one-day operation, code-named, 'KAL BHAIRAV' conducted on 23-12-1985, covered 135 places in 11 States and 2 Union Territories. The following seizures were effected as a result of the operation:—

S.No.	Name of the drug	Quantity seized
1	Heroin/Brown Sugar	85.83 Kg.
2	Charas	59.13 Kg
3	Opium	30.00 Kg.
4	Cocaine	4.20 Kg.
5	Ganja	15.70 metric tonne
6	Mescaline	0.243 Kg.
7	Diazepam	10,500 capsules

2. No precise value of the drugs seized can be furnished as the illicit market price varies widely depending upon the time and place of seizure, purity of the drugs, local demand and supply position, etc.

3. The total number of persons arrested/detained, including those taken for interrogation, was 40.

4. As the searches were organised against the drug-traffickers and suspected storage and distribution points of drugs, their links within and outside the country could not be precisely established. However, the seizures clearly establish considerable increase in the smuggling of ganja across Indo-Nepal border.

5. The field formations remain vigilant in the matter. In addition, appropriate anti-smuggling measures are being taken in co-ordination with

Central and State authorities concerned. The intelligence machinery has been geared up. Repeated co-ordinated operations like 'KAL BHAIRAV' will, no doubt, unearth the internal and foreign links of the drug traffickers in course of time.

903. (Withdrawn).

904. (Withdrawn).

Workshop on World Bank Credit for Engineering Exports

905. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a workshop on World Bank credit for engineering exports was held in New Delhi on or about January 10, 1986;

(b) if so, what were the main conclusions arrived at the workshop and suggestions and observations made thereat; and

(c) what is the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A workshop on World Bank Credit for Engineering Exports was held in New Delhi on 10th January, 1986. The main objective of the Workshop was to advise industry of the World Bank loan for $250 million, which has been negotiated by Government of India, and the components thereof. At the workshop, details of loan components, the *modus operandi* for managing the loan and how industry could utilise this loan was discussed.

Production and export plans of individual "Thrust" industries

906. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken a detailed exercise to draw up production and export plans of individual "thrust" industries identified by the D. V. Kapoor Committee;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the D. V. Kapoor Committee in this regard and the details of the exercise undertaken by Government; and

(c) whether any new policy initiatives in the areas of production and export marketing have been or are likely to be announced by Government, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Committee has recommended a two pronged strategy for achieving a quantum jump in engineering exports, namely:—

(i) continuation and strengthening of the existing broad system of incentives for exports;

(ii) Providing the 'thrust industries' a special policy environment keeping in view the considerations of optimum scales of production, technological upgradation, modernisation and competition with a view to make these industries internationally competitive. Detailed exercises for drawing up production and export plans for individual 'thrust industries' are being